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SUBJECT: SECDEF LETTER TO MOD MULLEY

1. WITH CONCURRENCE OF CHARGE, PLEASE PASS TEXT OF
MESSAGE IN PARA 2 TO MOD MULLEY FROM SECRETARY BROWN USING
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2. BEGIN TEXT. I WANT TO PERSONALLY SOLICIT YOUR
SUPPORT FOR MINISTERIAL AGREEMENT AT THE MAY DPC TO LAUNCH
A LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. PRESIDENT CARTER PROBABLY WILL
CALL FOR ONE AT THE NATO SUMMIT.

WE DO NOT SEE ANY NEED FOR AN EXERCISE WHICH REVIEWS THE
THREAT OR NATO STRATEGY, SINCE THOSE SUBJECTS ARE ALREADY

COVERED IN THE NEW MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE AND OTHER NATO DOCUMENTS. RATHER, WE ENVISION BUILDING ON THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE TO DEVELOP AN AGREED LONG-TERM PROGRAM DESIGNED TO CARRY IT OUT IN TERMS AS SPECIFIC AND AS PROGRAMMATIC AS WE CAN MAKE THEM.

NEITHER DO WE ENVISAGE A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS OF ALL NATO REQUIREMENTS, WHICH WOULD DUPLICATE ONGOING NATO FORCE PLANNING. INSTEAD, WE WOULD URGE CONCENTRATING ON A RELATIVELY LIMITED NUMBER OF HIGH PRIORITY PROBLEM

AREAS WHERE COLLECTIVE ACTION IS URGENTLY REQUIRED. OUR OWN IDEAS OF THESE PRIORITY AREAS COINCIDE CLOSELY WITH SACEUR'S PRIORITIES SUCH AS HIS "READINESS, REINFORCEMENT, AND RATIONALIZATION," COLLECTIVE COMMAND, CONTROL, AND COMMUNICATIONS; ELECTRONIC WARFARE; LOGISTICS; AND INTEROPERABILITY AND STANDARDIZATION.

MY HOPE IS THAT SUCH AN EXERCISE WOULD RESULT IN A HIGHLY USEFUL COMMON BLUEPRINT FOR MEETING NATO NEEDS IN THESE AREAS OVER THE NEXT FIVE TO TEN YEARS, WITH COMMON PROGRAMS AND NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS CAREFULLY SPELLED OUT. THE NATO MILITARY AUTHORITIES, ESPECIALLY SACEUR AND SACLANT, WOULD PLAY MAJOR ROLES, PROVIDING THE MILITARY VIEW OF WHAT IS NEEDED IN EACH PRIORITY AREA. THEN NATO'S CIVIL MACHINERY WOULD ADDRESS THESE NEEDS IN TERMS OF HOW BEST TO MEET THEM WITHIN LIKELY FISCAL CONSTRAINTS. THE AIM WOULD BE TO DEVELOP A SERIES OF PROGRAM PACKAGES WHICH WOULD PROVIDE DPC MINISTERS WITH IMPROVED MEANS OF CONFIDENTIAL

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FOCUSING COLLECTIVELY ON SPECIFIC HIGH PRIORITY NEEDS.

TWO OTHER ISSUES THAT OUGHT TO BE ADDRESSED IN THIS LONG-TERM PLAN WOULD BE HOW TO ACHIEVE IN PRACTICE THE GREATER ALLIANCE COOPERATION MANDATED BY THE MINISTERIAL GUIDANCE, AND HOW TO STRENGTHEN NATO PROGRAMMING AND FOLLOW-THROUGH MACHINERY TO HELP ENSURE THIS CONCRETE RESULT.

IF WE MINISTERS CAN AGREE ON BROAD OUTLINES OF THIS EXERCISE AT OUR MAY MEETING, THEN THE PERMREPS COULD PROMPTLY DEVELOP A WORK PROGRAM. THE WHOLE EXERCISE COULD BE CONDUCTED BY EXISTING NATO ORGANIZATIONS WITH REPORTS TO THE DPC BY OUR SPRING 1978 MEETING.

IN ADDITION, I WILL PROBABLY PROPOSE TWO OR THREE MODEST SHORT-TERM INITIATIVES BASED ON SACEUR'S RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE HIGH PRIORITY AREAS OF ANTIARMOR, WAR RESERVE MUNITIONS, AND READINESS. THEIR OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO IMPART A SENSE OF EARLY FORWARD MOVEMENT TO THE IMPROVE-

MENTS OF NATO'S CONVENTIONAL FORCE READINESS, A SENSE THAT WOULD BE ABSENT IF WE WERE ONLY "TO STUDY" A LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM. RECOGNIZING THE UK'S CURRENT ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, I BELIEVE WHAT WE ENVISAGE WOULD BE WELL WITHIN REALISTIC FISCAL LIMITS. I HOPE YOU CAN JOIN ME IN SUPPORTING THESE AS WELL.

I AM SENDING MY NATO CONSULTANT AMBASSADOR KOMER TO BRIEF THE NATO PERMREPS DURING THE FIRST WEEK IN MAY. IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL, I COULD HAVE HIM STOP OFF BRIEFLY IN LONDON JUST AFTERWARD TO LAY OUT MY THINKING MORE FULLY WITH YOUR PEOPLE.

I KNOW THAT YOU AND I THINK ALIKE ABOUT THE URGENT NEED TO STRENGTHEN NATO'S DETERRENT/DEFENSE POSTURE AT A COST LEVEL THAT WE CAN SUSTAIN POLITICALLY. THIS LONG-TERM DEFENSE PROGRAM COULD BE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD TO THIS
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END. I WILL BE SENDING A MESSAGE TO ALL MOD'S ON THESE MATTERS SHORTLY, BUT I WANTED TO PARTICULARLY SOLICIT YOUR SUPPORT IN ADVANCE. WARM REGARDS, HAROLD.

3. FYI: IF UK RESPONSE TO OFFER OF KOMER BRIEFING FAVORABLE, HE COULD BE AVAILABLE IN LONDON THE MORNING OF MAY 5, BUT MUST LEAVE IN TIME TO CATCH PAN AM 107 AT 12:20 PM. END FYI.

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